

2000 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Bureau of Public Development Community Planning and Development Department

260 housing units rehabilitated.
4 new houses constructed.
60 renting families helped to become home owners.
66 homes made handicapped-accessible.
Lead-based paint abated in 55 housing units.
51 new jobs created through small business loans.
Public services provided to 4,611 residents.
2 public facilities improved.
10 Grants for Neighborhood projects implemented.
\$1, 046,534 won in competitive grants

OUR THREE KEY FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** program is the major Federal urban development assistance program. Each project must benefit low income residents, eliminate slum and blight, or respond to urgent needs such as flood damage. Funds must be used mainly for physical improvements, such as housing and public facilities.

The **HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)** grant is used by the City and its nonprofit partners to increase the supply of affordable housing units in Savannah.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding is subgranted to agencies that provide food, healthcare, employment training, and other services to the homeless.

IMPROVING SAVANNAH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK (CDBG \$1,439,882 ; HOME \$3,195,865 ; Other \$1,590,480)

The City's housing programs provide free emergency repairs for very low income homeowners, rehabilitation loans to low-income homeowners and to investors in

affordable rental property, lead-based paint hazard control, housing modifications for disabled residents, new housing construction, and home-ownership assistance. These programs are carried out by the City's Housing Services Department in partnership with the Community Housing Services Agency, Habitat for Humanity, and Living Independence for Everyone (L.I.F.E).

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES CREATE JOBS (CDBG \$641,915 ; Other \$7,233,520)

The City's small business development programs are run by the Small Business Assistance Corporation and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Revolving Loan Fund (started in 1996). In 2000, these programs provided loans and technical assistance to businesses in the Savannah area, creating 51 full-time jobs. Loans for facade improvements are offered to property owners on Broughton Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN SERVICES (CDBG \$575,743 ; ESG \$92,692 ; OTHER \$912,700)

Grants to local non-profit agencies helped to provide essential services to Savannah's low-income residents and to foster self-sufficiency. Here are examples of some of the programs:

Aging Services	DFCS
Adult Day Care	Savannah Association for the Blind
Child Day Care	Greenbriar Children's Center, Wesley Community Centers
Youth Development	Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, Ash Tree Organization
Employment and Training	Goodwill Industries

Homeless Services	Union Mission, Gateway, Inner City Night Shelter, Salvation Army, Greenbriar, Hope House, SAFE Shelter, United Ministries, E.O.A, Savannah Runaway Home, Homeless Authority
Housing Counseling	Economic Opportunity Authority
Rental/Utility Assistance	United Ministries, E.O.A
Abused Children	Court Appointed Special Advocates, SAFE Shelter, Parent & Child Development Services

STRENGTHENING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS (CDBG \$67,834 ;OTHER \$400,000)

Physical improvement projects completed in 2000 using CDBG funds were:

Wesley Community Center "Women's Center"
Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club

FUNDS SPENT IN 2000

Community Development Block Grant	\$4,381,389
HOME	\$3,195,865
Emergency Shelter Grant	\$92,692
Other federal funding for community development	\$7,181,646
Non-federal funding for community development	\$18,515,436
TOTAL	\$33,367,028

GRANTS MANAGEMENT, GRANT WRITING EFFORTS, AND PLANNING

CDBG is the primary funding for the City's Community Planning and

Development (CPD) Department. In 2000, these funds enabled the City to manage more than 65 community development projects, spending approximately \$7.6 million. Administration and planning costs amounted to exactly 8% of this total.

Grant writing efforts in 2000 won two competitive grants for the city:

- ☐ \$139,093 Fair Housing Initiative grant for education and outreach services.
- ☐ \$907,441 Supportive Housing grants for unified case management and employment and training services for homeless individuals.

CPD staff work closely with neighborhood residents to develop and implement revitalization plans for our inner city neighborhoods. In 2000, major plans and/or completed:

- ☐ Cuyler/Brownsville Model Block Residential Development master Plan
- ☐ Coordination and development of Tatemville Neighborhood Zoning Plan
- ☐ Initiation of the Eastside Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan

All these programs are made possible through the work of local residents, local non-profit agencies, City officials and staff, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other state and federal agencies. The detailed Annual Performance on the City's housing and community development programs is available from CPD, 6 East Bay Street, Savannah. Tel & TDD 651-6520.

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